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Mr. Dennis DeVany
US Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. DeVany:

It is my understanding that you presently have a proposal before you from the Continental Connection to provide new air service between Ogdensburg and Massena, New York and Albany, New York.

I write to strongly support this proposal and to urge your favorable action on the request for an essential air service subsidy.

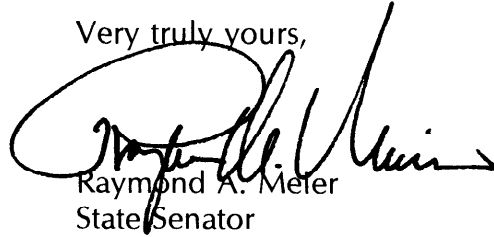
I am most particularly concerned about Massena, which lies within my Senate district. Massena is home for major manufacturing operations for Alcoa Aluminum as well as General Motors. The New York State Power Authority operates a major hydro-electric facility on the St. Lawrence River and the St. Lawrence Seaway itself is a major artery of commerce. Just a short drive away in Potsdam, New York, we have two major universities, Clarkson and the State University of New York at Potsdam. Just a few more short miles away in Canton, New York we have St. Lawrence University and the State University of New York Canton College of Technology.

All of the above mentioned institutions generate a tremendous need for convenient and efficient air travel. The sentiment of the community is virtually unanimous preferring the proposed connection to Albany over current service to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by way of Watertown, New York.

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Your careful consideration and favorable action with regard to this request would be most appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond A. Meier", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Raymond A. Meier
State Senator

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cc: Jack Sauve, Supervisor, Town of Massena